

Mr. Lott moved that the Doorkeeper be authorized to employ some person to assist him, provided the same does not exceed the sum of dollars per day ; carried.

Mr. Lott moved to fill the blank with three.

Mr. McAnnelly moved to fill the blank with ten cents.

On motion of Mr. Holland, the motion was laid on the table until to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Hart, the rules of the last Senate were adopted for the government of the present.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the President of the Senate was requested to appoint the usual Standing committees.

On motion of Mr. Hart, the Senate adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, November 8, 1853.

The Senate was called to order by the President. Roll called, quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. M. M. Potter, Senator elect from District No. 17, composed of the county of Galveston ; Mr. Isaac L. Hill, Senator elect from District No. 32, composed of the counties of Fayette, Colorado and Austin ; William T. Scott, Senator elect from District No. 8, composed of the county of Harrison, and James H. Durst, Senator elect from District No. 29, composed of the counties of Starr, Webb, Nueces, San Patricio, Refugio and Kinney, came forward, presented their credentials, were qualified and took their seats.

The President announced the following Standing committees, viz :

Committee on the Judiciary.—Messrs. Potter, Sublett, Paschal, Armstrong, Guinn, Superviele, Martin, Lytle, Pedigo and Hill.

Committee on Finance.—Messrs. Scott, Bryan, Edwards, Scarborough, Whitaker, Weatherford and Kyle.

Committee on the Militia.—Messrs. Burks, Newman, Durst, McAnnelly, Whitaker, Superviele and Weatherford.

Committee on Public Lands.—Messrs. Jowers, Scott, Holland, Keenan, McDade, Allen and Armstrong.

Committee on State Affairs.—Messrs. Gage, Hill, Pedigo, Durst, McAnnelly, Millican and Scott.

Committee on Indian Affairs.—Messrs. Doane, Durst, Kyle, Sublett, Allen, Wren and Newman.

Committee on Education.—Messrs. Holland, Hart, Guinn, Scarborough, Keenan, Lytle and McAnelly.

Committee on the Penitentiary.—Messrs. Millican, Newman, Weatherford, Martin, Scarborough, Pedigo and Burks.

Committee on Internal Improvements.—Messrs. Paschal, Gage, McDade, Allen, Edwards, Lytle, Hart, Millican and Keenan.

Committee on Privileges and Elections.—Messrs. Lott, Gage, Whitaker, McAnelly, Burks, Martin and Doane.

Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.—Messrs. McDade, Doane, Scott, Wren and Hill.

Committee on Private Land Claims.—Messrs. Hart, Scott, Jowers, Bryan and Edwards.

Committee on the Land Office.—Messrs. Armstrong, Potter, Jowers, Sublett and Holland.

Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.—Messrs. Kyle, Newman, Scarborough, Burks and Weatherford.

Committee on Claims and Accounts.—Messrs. Wren, Taylor, Guinn and Potter.

Committee on Engrossed Bills.—Messrs. Bryan, Guinn and Taylor.

Committee on Enrolled Bills.—Messrs. Sublett, Paschal and Lytle.

Committee on Public Debt.—Messrs. Taylor, Sublett, Jowers, Hart, McDade, Scott and Potter.

On motion of Mr. Holland, Mr. Durst was added to the committee on Privileges and Elections.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, a committee was appointed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate was organized and ready to proceed to business.

Messrs. Taylor, Durst and Guinn were appointed said committee.

Mr. Allen moved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to cause a copy of Hartley's Digest, and the Journals of the Senate, to be furnished to each Senator for the present session ; carried.

Mr. Holland offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Senate go into the election of Chaplain for the present session, on to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Mr. Taylor moved that the Senate go into the election of President pro tem. of the Senate, on to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

The President presented to the Senate the papers and documents relating to the contested election of Mr. Scarborough, Sen-

ator from District No. 28, which were, on motion of Mr. Taylor, referred to the committee on Privileges and Elections.

The President also presented the vouchers relating to the election of Mr. Newman, Senator from District No. 6, which were, on motion of Mr. Holland, referred to the same committee.

A committee from the House informed the Senate that the House had organized and was ready to proceed to business.

Mr. Martin offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That, with the concurrence of the House, the two houses will go into the election of Public Printer on to-morrow at one o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Jowers, the rule was suspended and resolution adopted.

On motion of Mr. McAnelly, the Senate proceeded to the election of Reporter.

Nominations being in order, Mr. McAnelly nominated Mr. John T. Flint. There being no other nomination, on motion of Mr. Kyle, Mr. Flint was declared duly elected, who came forward and was qualified.

Mr. Edwards moved that a standing committee on Contingent Expenses be appointed ; carried.

Messrs. Edwards, Bryan, Durst, Millican and Newman were appointed said committee.

Mr. Paschal moved that each member of the Senate be furnished with a copy of the Rules of the Senate ; carried.

Mr. Hart moved that a committee be appointed to review the Rules of the two houses, and report the same to the Senate ; carried.

Messrs. Hart, Bryan, Paschal, Potter and Jowers were appointed said committee.

Mr. Holland moved that a committee be appointed on the part of the Senate, to act with a like committee on the part of the House, to inform the Governor that the two houses were organized and ready to receive any communication he might wish to make.

Messrs. Holland, McAnelly and Whitaker were appointed said committee.

A message was received from the House, through their Chief Clerk, Mr. Ben. F. Hill, informing the Senate that the House had elected the following officers, viz :

H. R. Runnels, Speaker ; Ben. F. Hill, Chief Clerk ; William L. Chalmers, 1st Assistant Clerk ; James L. Roberts, 2d Assistant Clerk ; J. C. Harrison, Engrossing Clerk ; Hugh H. Haynie,

Enrolling Clerk; A. B. Burleson, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Levi Pennington, Doorkeeper.

Mr. Gage introduced a bill to provide for the construction of the Mississippi and Pacific Railroad; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the Senate adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, November 9, 1853.

The Senate was called to order by the President pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Armstrong presented the memorial of E. B. Barton, contesting the seat of Edwin B. Scarborough, and moved that said memorial be referred to the committee on Privileges and Elections; carried.

Mr. Weatherford offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of the General Land Office be, and he is hereby requested to inform this body whether or no the Texas Emigration Land Company, or their trustees or agents, have filed in the Landoffice of the State, the release to the State, as required in "an act supplementary to an act relating to lands in Peters' Colony, approved February 10th, 1852," passed by the fourth Legislature at the Extra Session of 1853.

Mr. Armstrong introduced a bill to ascertain forfeited and escheated lands; read first time.

Mr. Armstrong introduced a bill to repeal the 90th and 91st sections of an act to regulate proceedings in the district courts; read first time.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to provide for the construction of the Mississippi and Pacific Railroad; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Taylor, referred to the committee on Internal Improvements, and two hundred copies ordered to be printed.

Resolution relative to the election of Chaplain; read, and adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Bryan, Durst, Edwards, Guinn, Hill, Holland, Jowers, Kyle, Lott, Martin, Millican, Newman, Potter, Scarborough, Scott, Taylor and Whitaker—18.

NAYS—Messrs. Armstrong, Burks, Doane, Gage, Hart, McAnelly, McDade, Paschal, Sublett, Superviele and Weatherford—11.

Nominations being in order, Mr. Holland nominated the Rev. John W. Phillips.